



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 26 [2003 Assembly Bill 37]	School Buses Towing Trailers
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2003 Wisconsin Act 26 changes the law with respect to the attachment of trailers to school buses.

Prior law, in s. 346.94 (15), Stats., prohibited any person from operating a school bus or a human service vehicle over any public highway of this state with any trailer or semitrailer attached.

Wisconsin Act 26 specifically provides that the statutory restriction on towing trailers *does not* apply to a school bus that is not required to be registered in Wisconsin under ch. 341 if the bus is registered in another jurisdiction which permits the school bus to be operated with a trailer or semitrailer attached.

Thus, for example, a school bus registered in the State of Minnesota that did not need to be registered in Wisconsin could operate with a trailer or semitrailer attached while in Wisconsin since the State of Minnesota permits such operation. No states bordering Wisconsin currently prohibit school buses from operating with a trailer or semitrailer attached.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on June 3, 2003. Act 26 applies to violations committed on or after June 3, 2003 but does not preclude the counting of other violations as prior violations for sentencing a person.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.